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PATENT



Preliminary Classification:
Proposed Class:
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**Mail Stop Patent Application
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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Joseph Utermohlen; Catherine Wolf; Kimberly Christensen

For (title): Hybridization Buffers Using Low Molecular Weight Dextran Sulfate and Methods for Their Use

1. Type of Application

This transmittal is for a divisional application.

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application (35 U.S.C. Sections 119(e), 120, or 121)

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of a prior U.S. application, U.S. Serial No. 09/772,123, filed January 29, 2001.

3. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) Application

Specification - 19 pages

Claims - 3 pages

Drawing(s) - 13 sheets - Informal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

Copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney - 2 pages

Abstract - 1 page

Copy of Assignment Document - 6 pages

Certificate of Express Mailing – 1 page

Post Card

4. Additional Papers Enclosed

Preliminary Amendment - 4 pages

5. Declaration or Oath

A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior application is attached.

6. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

7. Language

English

8. Assignment

A copy of an assignment of the invention to Ventana Medical Systems, Inc. executed by Joseph Utermohlen on February 11, 2003, by Catherine Wolf on February 11, 2003 and by Kimberly Christensen on February 10, 2003, and filed on April 22, 2003 in the prior application is attached.

9. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)

Regular Application

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------|--------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Claims | Number Filed | Basic Fee Allowance | Number Extra | Rate | Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a) \$750.00 |
| Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | 18 | - 20 = | 0 x | \$18.00 | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | 5 | - 3 = | 2 x | \$84.00 | \$168.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | | + | \$270.00 | \$0.00 |
| Filing Fee Calculation | | | | | \$918.00 |

10. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed Filing Fee \$918.00

Total Fees Enclosed \$918.00

11. Method of Payment of Fees

Charge Account No. 50-0861 in the amount of \$918.00.

A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

12. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 50-0861.

37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b), (c) or (d) (presentation of extra claims)

37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)

37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to SECTION 1.136(a))

37 C.F.R. Section 1.17 (application processing fees)

13. Instructions as to Overpayment

Credit Account No. 50-0861.

14. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

This application is filed before the termination of proceedings, or issuance of any patent based on application number 09/772,123.

15. Further Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed

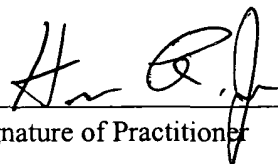
a. This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventors in this application are the same.

16. NOTIFICATION IN PARENT APPLICATION OF THIS FILING

A notification of the filing of this divisional is being filed in the parent application, from which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. Section 120.

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| |) | Examiner: Tung, Joyce (predicted) |
| Filed: Herewith |) | |
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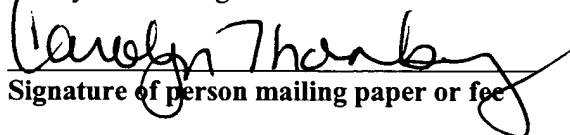
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